



Hill-Murray School

The Catholic Benedictine Prep School

Dear Parents and Guardians of Hill-Murray Freshmen,

We are very excited that your child will be attending Hill-Murray School, and we look forward to meeting your child on Retreat Day! **Please note: Freshman Retreat Day is mandatory for ALL freshmen, including those who attended Hill-Murray Middle School.** We want Retreat Day to be focused on community and team building. As our Freshman class continues to grow, we have expanded our orientation to include this all-day retreat. This retreat is at no cost to you as a family. The retreat will be planned by Link Leaders, a group of Hill-Murray juniors and seniors who are so excited to meet the freshmen and plan fun events with them all year! Below is some important information to let you know what your student can expect in advance of their first day of school. In the past, we have had a separate orientation day for Freshmen; however, this year, we have incorporated those orientation activities into the first two days of school, August 25th and 26th.

Orientation Retreat at Hidden Pines Ranch

Monday, August 11th, 7:35 AM - 3:00 PM.

Computer and Yondr pick up from 3:00 to 4:00 PM

- 1) Please arrive at H-M around 7:35 AM. Parents can pick up students at H-M at 3:00 PM. We will begin the day at Hill-Murray with a brief prayer service at 7:45 AM. We would like to have a parent or guardian accompany their student at the prayer service. There is a parent meeting to follow from 8:30-9:00 AM with Principal Elizabeth Marin, while students head to Hidden Pines Ranch via bus.
- 2) Lunch is not provided, so we do ask that your student bring a lunch and a water bottle. A snack will be provided at the retreat center.
- 3) Please have your student wear comfortable clothes that they will be able to move in. Please dress appropriately for the weather (rain or shine). Students should wear tennis shoes or other closed-toe shoes; no flip-flops or sandals. When we arrive at Hidden Pines Ranch, your student's cell phone will be stored in a secure place until the retreat is over, and we ask them not to be on their phones during the retreat. Students should bring a water bottle, sunscreen, and a hat (optional)
- 4) There is a **Release/Emergency Contact Form that must be signed and filled out and brought on the day of the retreat. This is very important!**

[Release/Emergency Contact Form](#)

Sincerely,

Your Link Crew Advisor, Rebecca Fandrich rfandrich@hill-murray.org